China's Campaigns for Political Influence in Africa



Project Title	China's Campaigns for Political Influence in Africa	
	Analyze and report on China's political influence in Africa to include political party training, media penetration, and the shaping of governance norms.	
Country	Kenya	

Project Description

This project focuses on China's growing political influence in Africa and will examine several approaches that contribute to Beijing's strategic aims in Africa:

In recent years, China has grown increasingly confident in its ability to export these concepts to African countries. To do so, it employs five major lines of effort:

- 1) Exporting methods of authoritarian political control through party-to-party training;
- 2) actively intervening in African domestic politics to ensure preferred partners on the continent adhere to China's priorities;
- 3) promoting its model of techno-authoritarianism through the sale of advanced surveillance technology to African governments;
- 4) shaping Africa's media landscape by promoting narratives favorable to Beijing in local and regional media, sponsoring training for African journalists, and leading the continent's media migration from analog to digital technology; and
- 5) leveraging its influence to achieve other key objectives, such as garnering African support for Beijing's broader diplomatic priorities, especially at the UN.

This project will analyze and report on Beijing's political activities on the African continent and assess the implications of these activities for the United States.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)		
Political Analysis		
Research		

Writing

Additional Information

None

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Chinese-Mandarin	Elementary proficiency	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have
French	Limited working proficiency	y Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have